

ARKANSAS
WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



* Harvesting Cotton and Soybeans/Planting Wheat

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RELEASED: November 25, 2002 3:00 p.m. - A warmer than normal week with a general lack of rainfall enabled most producers to return to the fields for harvesting and planting. According to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service there were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 13 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus.

CROPS: Soybean and cotton harvests continued. With the first full week of dry weather in over a month, producers have been able to make up lost time on completion of cotton and soybean harvests and planting of winter wheat. Several counties reported damage to emerging wheat fields due to black birds as well as excessive water remaining in the fields.

LIVESTOCK: Despite the previous weeks' frost hurting pasture grazing, cattle remain in good condition. Many producers are beginning to feed hay as a result of the loss of good winter pasture. Cattle producers were working and culling cows, and weaning and selling calves.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %					Condition %				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
COTTON									
Harvested	94	83	100	99					
SOYBEANS									
Mature ¹	100	99	100	100					
Harvested	91	79	99	96					
WHEAT					0	3	42	47	8
Planted	85	70	93	93					
Emerged	68	57	77	80					
PASTURE					5	19	40	32	4

¹ Previous year was not requested. The 5-year average is from 1996-2000.

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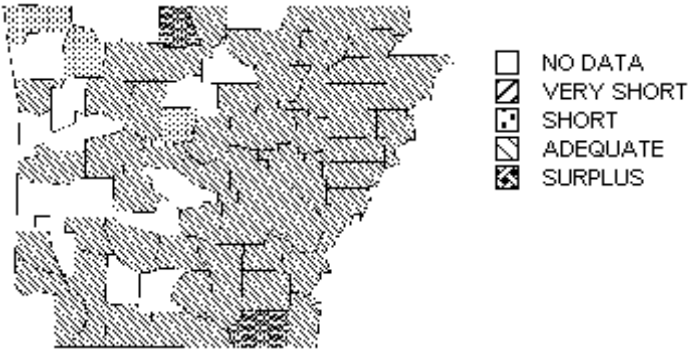
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SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

November 24, 2002. Temperatures were above average. Most of the state had no rainfall. Calico Rock and Texarkana recorded the high temperature of 75^o with Fayetteville recording the low temperature of 25^o. Precipitation ranged from a high of 0.07 inches at Marianna to most reporting stations reporting no measurable rainfall.



TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION WEEK ENDING: November 24, 2002

DISTRICT AND STATION	TEMPERATURES			RAINFALL				
	HIGH	LOW	DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL	WEEK ENDING NOV 24	CURRENT NOV ACCUM.	NOV NORMAL	JANUARY-OCT	
							2002	NORMAL
1 Fayetteville	67	25	3	0.00	0.17	4.74	39.45	38.08
Harrison	70	30	6	0.00	0.47	4.96	43.51	36.61
2 Calico Rock	75	26	4	0.00	1.07	4.93	42.87	37.06
Greers Ferry	70	29	3	0.00	1.16	5.92	43.69	40.46
Mountain Home	71	30	7	0.00	0.95	5.31	44.20	35.98
3 Batesville	69	29	2	0.00	1.26	5.48	37.39	38.03
Jonesboro	68	30	2	0.00	1.18	5.02	34.79	36.91
Keiser	68	30	0	0.01	1.27	4.84	44.61	40.13
Newport	70	33	1	0.00	0.95	5.55	47.44	38.53
4 Booneville	70	30	1	0.00	0.70	5.08	47.67	38.44
Clarksville	70	32	5	0.00	0.74	5.08	47.43	37.54
Dardanelle	70	27	2	0.00	1.02	5.36	38.29	38.93
Ft. Smith	72	31	3	0.00	0.45	4.80	43.30	35.68
Mena	69	28	1	0.00	0.65	5.88	47.93	47.49
Ozark	68	32	2	0.00	0.65	5.06	50.43	36.24
5 Conway	69	29	2	0.00	1.02	5.24	39.36	38.64
Hot Springs	71	29	1	0.00	0.51	6.29	43.14	46.20
Little Rock	71	31	2	0.00	0.68	5.73	37.76	40.49
N Little Rock	69	36	4	0.00	0.90	5.74	37.12	38.92
6 Brinkley	69	33	1	0.00	1.37	4.76	37.88	39.68
Marianna	67	33	1	0.07	1.63	5.22	41.87	42.16
Stuttgart	69	33	1	0.00	1.47	5.06	48.27	48.27
7 Hope	71	29	-1	0.00	1.08	5.91	48.68	43.54
Texarkana	75	39	4	0.00	1.13	5.34	33.89	37.21
8 Camden	73	30	1	0.00	1.56	5.23	42.48	42.74
El Dorado	72	31	1	0.01	2.71	4.80	41.82	44.51
Warren	69	31	1	0.00	1.18	5.26	39.52	44.92
9 Eudora	71	30	2	0.00	3.41	5.36	44.73	45.49
Pine Bluff	70	35	2	0.00	1.76	4.87	42.51	42.20
Rohwer	69	34	-1	0.00	2.88	5.40	43.60	40.99